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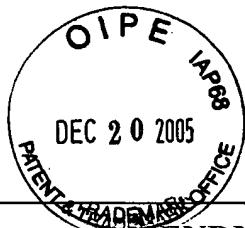
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Applicant(s): Kwang-Jo HWANG					
Invention: METHOD OF PATTERNING A METAL LAYER IN A SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE					
<p><b>MS AF</b> <b>Commissioner for Patents</b> <b>P.O. Box 1450</b> <b>Alexandria, VA 22313-1450</b></p> <p>Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application. The fee has been calculated and is transmitted as shown below.</p>					
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Dear Sir:

In response to the final Office Action dated September 20, 2005, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

This reply includes Amendments to the Claims and Remarks.